

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8 and 9 are amended herein. Claims 1-13 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 1 (used as an example herein) recites performing a pre-scanning operation *until* a current scanning area is located in the main-scan area and stopping the pre-scanning operation when the current scanning area is located in the main-scan area. In contrast, Lee teaches scanning the entire document. Thus, the stopping is at a time when the entire document has been scanned.

Furthermore, claim 2 recites said performing a pre-scanning operation comprises sensing a position of a starting portion of the main-scan area in which a document is positioned. In contrast, Lee teaches that the user selects the area of interest. Lee, col. 2, ln. 38-43. Thus, there is no sensing of the starting position.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

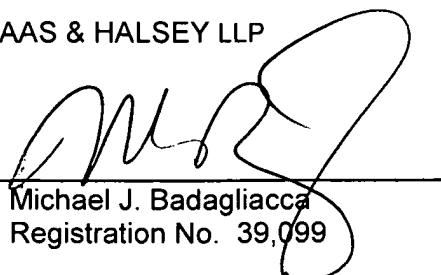
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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